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SUBJECT: U.S. CUSTOMS NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOG TRAINER

PROGRAM NUMBER EIGHT

1. THIS CABLE CONFIRMS INFORMAL INVITATION OFFERED TO
ECUADOR CUSTOMS COMANDANTE COL. CUMARRANGA BY U.S. CUSTOMS
REPRESENTATIVES ALLSHOUSE AND CHOWNING DURING THEIR OCTOBER
EVALUATION OF ECUADOR'S DOG TRAINING FACILITIES.

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2. CUSTOMS HAS SCHEDULED ITS EIGHTH DETECTOR DOG TRAINER
PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 2 - FEBRUARY 25, 1977. THE
PROGRAM, INTERPRETED INTO SPANISH, WILL CONSIST OF THREE

DAYS OF CULTURAL ORIENTATION AT THE WASHINGTON, D.C. INTERNATIONAL CENTER, TWO WEEKS OF ACADEMIC WORK AT CUSTOMS' FRONT ROYAL, VA. NARCOTICS DOG TRAINING CENTER, AND FOUR DAYS DEDICATED TO OBSERVATION OF NARCOTICS DOGS AT WORK IN THE FIELD. THE LATTER WILL INCLUDE DEMONSTRATIONS AT AIRPORTS, MAIL FACILITIES, AND BORDER CROSSINGS.

3. AS DISCUSSED WITH COL. CUMARRANGA, THIS TRAINING IS RECOMMENDED FOR OFFICERS WHO ARE EITHER INVOLVED IN THE TRAINING OF DOGS AND DOG HANDLERS OR ARE FIRST-LINE SUPERVISORS OF OPERATIONS MAN/DOG TEAMS.

4. COL. CUMARRANGA ASSURED THOSE PRESENT AT THE DISCUSSION THAT HE HAS AN OFFICER WHO MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS WHO HE IS WILLING TO SEND TO THE UPCOMING COURSE. TWO SLOTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH QUALIFIED OFFICERS.

5. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP ON AVAILABILITY OF CANDIDATES, ROUTING RESPONSES TO RUEACUS/US CUSTOMS, INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS DIVISION.

6. FYI, APPROPRIATE PORTION OF EVALUATION TEAM'S REPORT HAS BEEN FORWARDED VIA POUCH. ROBINSON

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